GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3807
ANSWERED ON:13.12.2002
PDS IN THE COUNTRY
PRABHA RAU

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of people benefited from the Public Distribution System in the country;

(b) the names of States who have subsidized foodgrains, sugar and Kerosene for BPL families under PDS;

(c) whether people in many States below poverty line cannot buy food items due to the monthly distribution under PDS;

(d) if so, the States which follow monthly/weekly public distribution of commodities; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to make the distribution weekly?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SH KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a),(b),(c),(d)&(e): The State wise details of ration card holders under the Targeted Public Distribution System is given in the Annexure.

The information regarding the States/UTs which have subsidized foodgrains, sugar and kerosene for BPL families under PDS is not maintained by the Central Government.

PDS Control Order 2001 notified on 31.8.2001 provides for weekly drawl of ration by card holders.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b),(c),(d)&(e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3807 TO BE ANSWERED ON 13-12-2002 IN THE LOK SABHA.
STATEMENT SHOWING STATE-WISE DETAILS OF RATION CARDHOLDERS UNDER TPDS.

(figures in lakhs)

S. No.	States/UTs	No. of ration cards issued
1	Andhra Pradesh	159.02
2	Arunachal Pradesh	3.72
3	Assam	44.66
4	Bihar	123.83
5	Chattisgarh	45.80
6	Delhi	37.38
7	Goa	3.23
8	Gujarat	107.28
9	Haryana	44.60
10	Himachal Pradesh	13.38
11	Jammu & Kashmir	18.30
12	Jharkhand	29.09
13	Karnataka	110.58
14	Kerala	64.08
15	Madhya Pradesh	138.99
16	Maharashtra	217.92
17	Manipur	3.19
18	Meghalaya	2.90
19	Mizoram	2.37
20	Nagaland	3.19
21	Orissa	79.02
22	Punjab	55.23
23	Rajasthan	119.27

24	Sikkim	1.26
25	Tamil Nadu	161.00
26	Tripura	7.16
27	Uttar Pradesh	380.79
28	Utarancahal	21.97
29	West Bengal	159.36
30	Andaman & Nicobar	0.86
31	Chandigarh	2.29
32	D&N Haveli	0.33
33	Daman & Diu	0.31
34	Lakshdweep	0.14
35	Pondicherry	2.73
	Total	2165.23